



## **Earth Day 2011**

### **“What Makes a School Green Art Challenge”**

Feb 2, 2011

**For students in Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota.**

***Attention Students, Teachers, Parents and School Administrators!***

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, would like to invite your students to participate in the 2011 Earth Day “What Makes a School Green Art Challenge.”

The contest will ask students to draw or design “what makes their school green or what could make their school green”. Students can design a green school, draw green school activities or draw what makes their school green already. Example green activities include: recycling, planting trees, changing light bulbs, etc. Teachers and parents can utilize the numerous links provided below for additional information and teaching materials about Green and Healthy Schools.

The purpose of the contest is to see what school children think will make their school green or greener! The drawings will be very educational for EPA, teachers and parents as they will show us what our children think about environmental protection and environmental health and safety in the school environment.

The winners will be chosen based on the most creative and representative drawings/design of green schools and/or green school activities. The drawings will be featured on the R8 web site and in the R8 EPA green office building in Denver, Colorado. A certificate will be awarded to the winning students and schools. Winning schools and students may be able to participate in regional green school communications, workshops, social media outlets and additional recognition opportunities.

### **Follow these simple rules to participate in the challenge:**

- The challenge is for students in grades 6-12.
- Entries must be no larger than 22 inches X 28 inches.
- Entries can be either a drawing of green school features/activities or a design of a green school building.
- Please indicate student’s name and school on the back of every entry.**
- Fill out the form below. **We must have one form per classroom or individual student entry.** Attach the form to your entry (ies) and mail to:

Wendy Dew  
R8 Environmental Education Coordinator  
1595 Wynkoop Street, 8OC  
Denver, CO 80202-1129

For additional information please call 303-312-6605 or email dew.wendy@epa.gov.

All entries must be received by EPA no later than **Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. Approximately 10 winners will be chosen. Winners will be notified in early April 2011.

EPA encourages entrants to use recycled paper and packaging.

\*\*\*Due to the large volume of entries expected, entries cannot be returned to students or their teachers. All entries become the property of EPA and may be used for publication or display. Artwork may be modified for reproduction purposes.

### **Sign-up for our Earth Day E-Packet**

Prior to Earth Day an e-packet e-mail will be sent to subscribing schools and teachers that will incorporate the best of Green School on-line resources. The e-packet will contain environmental messaging, links and PDFs that teachers can easily download and use for the challenge and Earth Day activities.

#### **Sign-up here:**

<http://www.epa.gov/region8/ee>

### ***Green School Links:***

Tribal Green and Healthy Schools

[http://www.epa.gov/region8/conservation\\_recycling/tghsi.html](http://www.epa.gov/region8/conservation_recycling/tghsi.html)

Protect the Environment: At School

<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/school.htm>

Healthy School Environments

<http://www.epa.gov/schools/>

EPA for Students and Educators

<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/students.htm>

Healthy School Environment Resources

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/schools/index.cfm>

Green Schools Initiative

<http://www.greenschools.net/>

Teach Green

<http://www.greenschools.net/section.php?id=26>

Environmental Education

<http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/>

Green Building for Kids!

<http://www.epa.gov/region8/building/kids/>

Green School Buildings

<http://www.greenschoolbuildings.org/Homepage.aspx>

How Green is my School?

<http://www.epa.gov/region8/ee/2011howgreenschool.pdf>



## “What Makes a School Green Art Challenge” Entry Form

School Name:	
School Contact Information (address, phone, email):	
Teacher Name:	
Teacher Contact Information (phone, email):	
Student Name:	
Grade Level:	
Class Subject Area:	

### ***For EPA Use Only***

Score: <b><i>1-10</i></b>	/	/
<b>Judged By:</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Judge		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Judge		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Judge		
Notes		

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